

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid having at least 80% nucleic acid sequence identity to:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);

(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;

~~(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);~~

~~(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

~~(e) (c)~~ the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51);

~~(f) (d)~~ the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51); or

~~(g) (e)~~ the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245;

wherein said isolated nucleic acid is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma, or wherein said isolated nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1 having at least 85% nucleic acid sequence identity to:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);

(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;

~~(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);~~

~~(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

~~(e) (c)~~ the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51);

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~~(f)~~ (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51); or

~~(g)~~ (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245;

wherein said isolated nucleic acid is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma, or wherein said isolated nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1 having at least 90% nucleic acid sequence identity to:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);

(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;

~~(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);~~

~~(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

~~(e)~~ (c) the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51);

~~(f)~~ (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51); or

~~(g)~~ (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245;

wherein said isolated nucleic acid is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma, or wherein said isolated nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1 having at least 95% nucleic acid sequence identity to:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);

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(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;

~~(e) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);~~

~~(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

(e) (c) the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51);

(f) (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51); or

~~(g) (e)~~ the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245;

wherein said isolated nucleic acid is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma, or wherein said isolated nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 1 having at least 99% nucleic acid sequence identity to:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);

(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;

~~(e) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);~~

~~(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

(e) (c) the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51);

(f) (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51); or

~~(g) (e)~~ the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245;

wherein said isolated nucleic acid is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma, or wherein said isolated nucleic acid encodes a polypeptide that is more highly expressed in normal skin tissue compared to melanoma.

6. **(Currently Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid comprising:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);

(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;

~~(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);~~

~~(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

~~(e)~~ (c) the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51);

~~(f)~~ (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51); or

~~(g)~~ (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 6 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52).

8. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 6 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide of shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide.

9. **Canceled**

10. **Canceled**

11. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 6 comprising the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51).

12. **(Currently Amended)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 6 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51).

13. **(Original)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 6 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245.

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14. **(Currently Amended)** An isolated nucleic acid that hybridizes under stringent conditions to:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide ~~of shown in Figure 52~~ (SEQ ID NO:52);

(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide ~~of shown in Figure 52~~ (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;

~~(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52);~~

~~(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 52 (SEQ ID NO:52), lacking its associated signal peptide;~~

~~(e)~~ (c) the nucleic acid sequence of shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51);

~~(f)~~ (d) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid of sequence shown in Figure 51 (SEQ ID NO:51); or

~~(g)~~ (e) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203245;

wherein said stringent conditions comprise 50% formamide, 5 x SSC (0.75 M NaCl, 0.075 M sodium citrate), 50 mM sodium phosphate (pH 6.8), 0.1% sodium pyrophosphate, 5 x Denhardt's solution, sonicated salmon sperm DNA (50 µg/ml), 0.1% SDS, and 10% dextran sulfate at 42°C, with washes at 42°C in 0.2 x SSC (sodium chloride/sodium citrate) and 50% formamide at 55°C, followed by a high-stringency wash consisting of 0.1 x SSC containing EDTA at 55°C.

15. **Canceled**

16. **(Original)** The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 14 which is at least 10 nucleotides in length.

17. **(Original)** A vector comprising the nucleic acid of Claim 1.

18. **(Original)** The vector of Claim 17, wherein said nucleic acid is operably linked to control sequences recognized by a host cell transformed with the vector.

19. **(Original)** A host cell comprising the vector of Claim 17.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The host cell of Claim 19, wherein said cell is a ~~CHO~~ Chinese Hamster Ovary cell, an E. coli or a yeast cell.

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DELETION OF INVENTORS

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